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STORAGE AT 4C FOR 24 HOURS

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INTRODUCTION: The Bureau of Biologics of the Food and Drug Administration has approved the rejuvenating and freezing of indated and outdated red blood cells after storage in the citrate-phosphate-dextrose (CPD) anticoagulant or in the citrate-phosphate-dextrose anticoagulant supplemented with 17.3 mg of adenine (CPDA-1). CPD red blood cells can be stored as whole blood or as red blood cells at 4C for as long as 28 days, biochemically modified with a solution containing pyruvate, inosine, phosphate, and adenine (PIPA), frozen with 40% W/V glycerol and stored at -80C for as long as 10 years, and after thawing and washing can be stored at 4C for 24-hours prior to transfusion.¹⁻⁹ When the CPDA-1 anticoagulant is used, the red blood cells can be stored as whole blood or as red blood cell concentrates at 4C for as long as 38 days before biochemical modification and freeze-preservation.¹⁻⁹ When CPD or CPDA-1 collected red blood cells are stored at 4C for less than 2 weeks, the rejuvenation process increases the red cell 2,3 DPG level to 250% of normal and the ATP level to 170% of normal: these levels are maintained throughout freezing, thawing, washing, and post-wash storage at +4C for 24 hours. CPD red blood cells stored at 4C for more than 14 days but less than 28 days and CPDA-1 red blood cells stored at 4C for more than 14 days but less than 38 days before

biochemical modification exhibit 150% of normal 2,3 DPG and ATP levels following the freeze-thaw-wash procedure and storage at 4C for 24-hours.^{3,8,9}

Conflicting data have been reported regarding the safe shelf life of CPD-ADSOL red blood cells at 4C.¹⁰⁻¹² Heaton and associates¹⁰ reported 24-hour posttransfusion survival values of 70% or greater for CPD-ADSOL red blood cells stored at 4C for 56 days. In 1982, the FDA approved the storage of CPD-ADSOL red blood cells at 4C for 49-days. At the request of the ARC Northeast Division, the Naval Blood Research Laboratory undertook a study to evaluate the 24-hour posttransfusion survival of red cells stored in ADSOL at 4C for 49 days, rejuvenated with the PIPA solution, frozen with 40% W/V glycerol, and after thawing and washing stored at 4C for 24-hours. We found unacceptable 24-hour posttransfusion survival values in these red blood cells. In a subsequent study, we evaluated the 24-hour posttransfusion survival of CPD-ADSOL red blood cells stored at 4C for 35, 42, and 49 days.^{11,12} After 35 days of storage at 4C, 24 hour posttransfusion survival values were 75%; after 42 days the values were 71%; and after 49 days the values were 57%.^{11,12} In 1986, the Bureau of Biologics Division of the FDA reversed their ruling and reduced the approved 4C storage time for CPD-ADSOL red blood cells from 49 days to 42 days.

In the study reported here in which we evaluated CPD-ADSOL red blood cells stored at 4C for as long as 49 days, biochemically modified with the PIPA solution, and frozen with 40% W/V glycerol, we found that a storage period for as long as 42 days produced satisfactory results.

MATERIAL AND METHODS: The protocols were reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board at Boston University School of Medicine. The seven healthy male volunteers signed informed consent forms for participation in the autotransfusion study to measure the survival of liquid preserved and previously frozen red blood cells.

A 450 ml volume of blood was collected from each healthy male volunteer into a 63 ml volume of CPD anticoagulant. After storage at room temperature for up to 4 hours, the blood was centrifuged at 2500 rpm (1615 X g) in a refrigerated centrifuge maintained at $22 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 4 minutes. The platelet-rich plasma was removed, and a platelet concentrate and platelet poor plasma were prepared. The red blood cell concentrate was resuspended in a 100 ml volume of ADSOL solution, containing 27 milligrams of adenine, 2,200 milligrams of glucose, 750 milligrams of mannitol, and 900 milligrams of sodium chloride, and was stored in this solution at 4°C for as long as 49 days.¹²

Following biochemical modification, the ADSOL preserved red blood cells were transferred to a special plastic bag system (Fenwal 4R2986) that consisted of a 600 ml dry polyvinylchloride (PVC) (PL-146) plastic bag integrally attached to a 1000 ml dry PL-146 PVC plastic bag with two integrally attached adaptor ports

on the tubing connecting the two plastic bags (Figure 1). A 50 ml volume of PIPA solution (PIPA Laboratories, Boston, MA) containing 0.54 g pyruvate (100 mmol/l), 1.315 g inosine (100 mmol/l), 0.3 g adenine (5 mmol/l), 0.20 g sodium phosphate (monobasic) and 0.50 g sodium phosphate (dibasic) (100 mmol/l), pH 6.8-7.2, osmolality 500 mOsm/kg H₂O) was added to the ADSOL-preserved red cells, and the mixture was incubated at 37C for 1 hour in a double overwrap plastic container to prevent wetting of the collection bag (Figure 2). The red cell-PIPA mixture was then centrifuged at 3532 X g (3700 rpm) in a 22C refrigerated centrifuge for 5 minutes to remove the supernatant solution (Figure 3). The red cells were glycerolized to a final concentration of 40% W/V, and were then centrifuged again at 22C at 1248 X g (2200 rpm) in a refrigerated centrifuge for 8 minutes to remove the supernatant glycerol solution (Figures 4 and 5). The red cell concentrate was then frozen in the 1000 ml PVC PL-146 plastic bag (Figure 6).

A water bath maintained at 42C was used to thaw the glycerol-frozen red blood cells, and a Haemonetics 115 Blood Cell Processor (using 50 ml or 150 ml of 12% sodium chloride and 1.5 liters of 0.9% sodium chloride-0.2% glucose solution) was used for post-thaw washing. With the double centrifugation

procedure used for *in vivo* studies, the supernatant glycerol was removed prior to freezing, and only 50 ml of 12% NaCl was used for dilution of the thawed red blood cells. With the single centrifugation procedure used for *in vitro* studies, the supernatant glycerol was not removed before freezing and 150 ml of 12% NaCl was necessary for dilution of the thawed red blood cells. The washed red cells were stored at 4C for 24-hours. *In vitro* studies were done to compare the single and double centrifugation procedures.

CPD-ADSOL red blood cells were stored as liquid-preserved red blood cells for as long as 49-days, biochemically modified, and frozen with glycerol at -80C.

A 450 ml volume of blood was collected from each volunteer into 63 ml of citrate-phosphate dextrose (CPD) anticoagulant. The blood was stored at room temperature for as long as 4 hours, and a red cell concentrate and platelet-rich plasma were prepared. The ADSOL solution was added to the red cell concentrate, and the red cells were stored at 4C for 35, 42 or 43, or 49 days.

The 450 ml unit from one volunteer was stored at 4C for 35 days, a 100 ml volume of red cells was removed, and *in vitro* tests were done. The remaining 350 ml volume of red blood cells was biochemically modified with PIPA solution (PIPA Laboratories--Roslindale, MA), frozen with 40% W/V glycerol and stored at

-80 C for 162 days. The red blood cells were thawed, washed and stored at 4C for 24 hours. Measurements were made of the 24 hour posttransfusion survival, freeze-thaw and freeze-thaw-wash recovery values, supernatant hemoglobin and the index of therapeutic effectiveness.

The 24-hour posttransfusion survival was measured using ^{51}Cr (ER Squibb & Sons, New Brunswick, NJ) to label the liquid preserved red blood cells.¹⁷ The volunteer's plasma volume was measured using ^{125}I albumin (Mallinckrodt Diagnostics, St Louis, MO); the red blood cell volume was estimated from the plasma volume and the total body hematocrit determined from the peripheral venous hematocrit multiplied by 0.89.^{11,12,17,18}

The 450 ml units from 3 other volunteers were stored in ADSOL for 42 days. A 100 ml volume was removed for *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing. The 350 ml remaining volume was biochemically modified, frozen with 40% W/V glycerol at -80C and stored for 92 to 260 days. After thawing and washing, the units were stored at 4C for as long as 24- hours prior to autotransfusion.

The 450 ml units from another 3 volunteers were stored in ADSOL for 49 days. A 100 ml volume was removed for *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing. The remaining 350 ml volume was biochemically modified, frozen with glycerol, and stored at -80C

from 84 to 309 days. After thawing and washing, the unit was stored at 4C for 24-hours prior to autotransfusion.

Sterility Testing: On the day the previously frozen red blood cells were washed, sheep blood agar and peptone broth was used to do aerobic cultures, and peptone broth was used to do anaerobic cultures. The red blood cells were stored at 4 ± 2 C for 1 week and recultured. Repeat cultures were performed weekly throughout 6 weeks of storage at 22C.

In Vitro and In Vivo Measurements: Red cell recovery in the previously frozen red blood cells was measured after thawing and after washing. On the day of washing and after post-wash storage at 4C for 24-hours, measurements were made of supernatant hemoglobin, red cell p50, red cell adenosine triphosphate (ATP, μ M/g Hb), and 2,3 diphosphoglycerate (2,3 DPG, μ M/g Hb). Red cell ATP and 2,3 DPG were measured fluorometrically.^{13,14} Supernatant hemoglobin (mg/dl) was measured by the Blakney and Dinwoodie procedure.¹⁵ Following resuspension of the washed red blood cells in a phosphate buffer solution, pH 7.2, at a temperature of 37C and a pCO₂ tension of 0 torr, the red cell p50 value was measured (Hemoscan Oxygen Dissociation Analyzer, Travenol Laboratories, Deerfield, IL) by the method of Dennis et

al.¹⁶ The pO₂ tension at which 50 percent of the hemoglobin was saturated with oxygen is reported as the P50 value in torr.

Following the autotransfusion of 10 ml aliquots of ⁵¹Cr-labeled liquid preserved and washed previously frozen red cells, a double isotope procedure was used to measure *in vivo* survival.¹⁷ Red cell volume was estimated from the ¹²⁵I-albumin plasma volume and the total body hematocrit (peripheral venous hematocrit multiplied by 0.89).^{17,18}

RESULTS: Sterility tests showed no bacteriologic contamination. No container breakage was observed.

Table 1 reports the results of the autotransfusion of ADSOL liquid-preserved red blood cells and red blood cells that had been rejuvenated and cryopreserved: thirty-five-day-old ADSOL liquid preserved red blood cells exhibited a mean 24-hour posttransfusion survival value of 83%; 42-day-old ADSOL red blood cells had a mean 24-hour posttransfusion survival value of 71%; and 49-day-old ADSOL red blood cells had a mean 24-hour posttransfusion survival value of 54%.

When 42-day-old ADSOL red blood cells that had been rejuvenated and cryopreserved were stored at 4C after post-thaw washing for as long as 24-hours, they exhibited a freeze-thaw-wash recovery value of 83% and a 24-hour posttransfusion survival of 72%. Forty-nine-day-old ADSOL rejuvenated-cryopreserved red blood cells had freeze-thaw-wash recovery values of 73% and 24-hour posttransfusion survival values of 61% after post-wash storage at 4C for 24 hours.

When 35-day-old ADSOL rejuvenated red blood cells were prepared using the double centrifugation procedure in which the supernatant glycerol is removed

prior to freezing, the freeze-thaw-wash recovery value was 91% compared to 95% with the single centrifugation procedure in which the rejuvenated red blood cells were frozen with the supernatant glycerol (Table 2A). When 49 day-old ADSOL rejuvenated red blood cells were prepared by the double centrifugation procedure, the freeze-thaw-wash recovery value was 82% compared to 90% with the single centrifugation procedure (Table 2B). Although the freeze-thaw-wash recovery value was significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) with the double centrifugation procedure, the value was still acceptable (greater than 80%).

Tables 3, 4, and 5 report the red cell 2,3 DPG, ATP, and p50 values for red cells stored in ADSOL at 4C for 35, 42, or 49 days. The rejuvenated previously frozen red blood cells had 2,3 DPG levels 150 to 200% of normal on the day of washing and after post-wash storage at +4C for 24 hours (Table 3) and ATP levels 200% of normal both on the day of washing and after post-wash storage at 4C for 24 hours.

Following storage at 4C for 35, 42, or 49 days, ADSOL preserved red blood cells exhibited significantly reduced p50 values. After the rejuvenation process and after the freeze-thaw-wash procedure and post-wash storage at 4C for 24 hours these red blood cells had increased 2,3 DPG, ATP, and p50 values.

DISCUSSION: Previous studies have been done to determine how effectively the CPD and CPDA-1 anticoagulant preservative solutions preserve red blood cells during liquid storage at 4C and to determine whether biochemical modification of the stored red blood cells with the PIPA rejuvenation solution improves their quality.¹⁻⁹ Our data indicate that CPD red blood cell concentrates can be stored at 4C for 28 days and CPDA-1 red blood cell concentrates can be stored at 4C for as long as 38 days, biochemically modified, frozen with 40 % W/V glycerol at -80 C, thawed and washed, and stored at 4C for 24-hours with acceptable results.¹⁻⁹ These red blood cells were found to have greater than 85% *in vitro* red blood cell recovery, normal or improved oxygen transport function, less than 0.5% hemolysis, and 24-hour posttransfusion survival values of 70% or greater.

In the study reported here, red blood cells collected into CPD-ADSOL solution (containing adenine, glucose, mannitol and sodium chloride) were stored at 4C for as long as 49 days. CPD-ADSOL red blood cells stored at 4C for up to 42 days, biochemically modified, frozen with 40% W/V glycerol, thawed and washed, and stored in a sodium chloride glucose solution at 4C for 24-hours exhibited red cell *in vitro* recovery values of 83% and 24 hour posttransfusion

survival values of 70%, with improved oxygen transport function and minimal hemolysis.

When the CPD-ADSOL preserved red blood cells were stored at 4C for up to 49 days, biochemically modified, frozen with 40% W/V glycerol, thawed and washed, and stored at 4C for 24-hours, the red cell recovery values *in vitro* were only 73% and 24-hour posttransfusion survival values only 61%. These red blood cells exhibited increased red blood cell 2,3 DPG, ATP, and p50 levels and minimal hemolysis both on the day of washing and after post-wash storage at 4C for 24-hours. The findings of a combination of satisfactory *in vitro* measurements and poor 24-hour posttransfusion survival values underscore the importance of measuring *in vivo* survival and not relying on *in vitro* measurements to evaluate the quality of preserved red blood cells. Our studies indicate that the best way to measure *in vivo* survival is to use ⁵¹-Chromium to label the preserved red blood cells and ¹²⁵I-albumin to measure the plasma volume. In a healthy male volunteer, red blood cell volume can be accurately estimated from the ¹²⁵I albumin plasma volume and the total body hematocrit (peripheral venous hematocrit multiplied by 0.89).^{11,17,18} Our data and those of Button and associates¹⁹ support approval by the FDA of the

rejuvenation of ADSOL red blood cells after storage at 4C for as long as 42-days,
freezing and storage with 40% W/V glycerol at -80C and post-thaw storage at 4C
for 24-hours prior to transfusion.

TABLE 1

ADSOL PRESERVED RED BLOOD CELLS STORED AT 4C FOR 35 TO 49 DAYS, REJUVENATED, AND FROZEN AT -80 C FOR 84 TO 309 DAYS USING THE DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE THAWED, AND WASHED. AUTOLOGOUS 51CR SURVIVALS WERE DONE PRIOR TO FREEZING, AND AGAIN AFTER FREEZING, THAWING, WASHING, AND AFTER LIQUID STORAGE AND POST-WASH STORAGE FOR UP TO 24 HOURS.

VOLUNTEER	DAYS		SUPT HGB		51CR 24-HR		RECOVERY		INDEX OF	
	PRE		POST WASH		POST TX'N		IN VITRO (%)		THERAPEUTIC	
	FZ	4C -80C	STORAGE	0HR	24HR	SURVIVAL (%)	THAW	FREEZE	THAW	EFFECTIVENESS (%)
1048 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C	35	---	--	--	--	83	---	---	---	---
B-REJUV, FREEZE, THAW, WASH										
STORED AT 4C 24 HOURS	35	162	24	49	57	78	94.6	81.9		63.9
1025 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C	42	---	--	--	--	71	---	---	---	---
B-REJUV, FREEZE, THAW, WASH										
STORED AT 4C 24 HOURS	42	99	24	75	217	67	92.7	79.6		53.3
1038 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C	42	---	--	--	--	79	---	---	---	---
B-REJUV, FREEZE, THAW, WASH										
STORED AT 4C 24 HOURS	42	92	24	73	97	71	95.9	79.2		56.2
1011 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C	42	---	--	--	--	64	---	---	---	---
B-REJUV, FREEZE, THAW, WASH										
STORED AT 4C 4 HOURS	42	260	4	24	--	77	97.4	90.2		69.5
42-43 DAY LIQUID STORED	---			--	--	71	---	---	---	---
SD:						6				
FROZEN	150			57	157	72	95.3	83.0		59.7
SD:	95			24	60	4	2.4	6.2		8.6

VOLUNTEER	DAYS		SUPT HGB (mg%)	RECOVERY		INDEX OF THERAPEUTIC EFFECTIVENESS (%)
	PRE	FZ		IN VITRO (%)	FREEZE THAW (%)	
				51CR 24-HR	FREEZE	
				POST TX'N	THAW	
					SURVIVAL (%)	
				POST WASH	FREEZE	
				0HR	THAW	
				4C (HRS)	WASH	
				4C -80C	WASH	

1017 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C B-REJUV,FREEZE,THAW,WASH STORED AT 4C 24 HOURS	49	---	--	--	--	60	---	---
1012 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C B-REJUV,FREEZE,THAW,WASH STORED AT 4C 24 HOURS	49	---	--	--	81	67	92.5	81.5
1004 A-LIQUID STORED AT 4C B-REJUV,FREEZE,THAW,WASH STORED AT 4C 24 HOURS	49	---	--	122	162	53	80.4	68.7
MEAN:	49	---	--	49	73	64	96.0	69.6
SD:	49	---	--	---	---	54	---	---
FROZEN	214	76	105	89.6	73.3	61	5.8	45.2
SD:	117	33	40	5.8	6.7	8	9.1	9.1

TABLE 2A

ADSOL PRESERVED RED BLOOD CELLS STORED AT 4C FOR 35 DAYS, REJUVENATED, AND FROZEN AT -80 C USING THE DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION OR SINGLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE. UNITS WERE STORED AT -80 C FOR 5 TO 109 DAYS, THAWED, WASHED AND STORED AT 4C FOR 24 HOURS

RECOVERY		SUPERNATANT		RBC 2,3 DPG		RBC ATP		RBC P50	
(%)		HEMOGLOBIN		(um/g Hb)		(um/g Hb)		(um/g Hb)	
F-T	F-T-W	0 HR	24 HR	FRESH	POST-WASH	LIQUID	POST-WASH	LIQUID	POST-WASH
				STORED	0 HR	24 HR	0 HR	24 HR	0 HR

BEFORE FREEZING

MEAN:	--	---	---	13.0	---	---	---	28.5	---
SD:				2.5				3.9	
N:				14				13	
RANGE:				9.7-				24.2-	
				17.4				31.7	

DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE

MEAN:	97.2	91.1	57	116	---	---	---	---	37.1	36.7
SD:	1.7	2.3	14	50					0.3	0.9
N:	3	3	3	3					3	3
RANGE:	94.9-	87.9	49-	73-					36.9-	35.7-
	99.1	93.4	73	187					37.4	37.5

SINGLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE

MEAN:	98.9	94.7	49	157	---	---	---	---	36.7	32.4
SD:	0.7	1.9	0	54					0.9	4.9
N:	3	3	3	3					3	3
RANGE:	98.1	93.5	--	97-					35.7-	27.1
	99.4	96.8		227					37.5	36.9

NON-PAIRED T - DOUBLE VERSUS SINGLE CENTRIFUGATION

P:	NS	NS	NS	NS					NS	NS
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NS = Not Significant

TABLE 2B

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ADSO L PRESERVED RED BLOOD CELLS STORED AT 4C FOR 49 DAYS, REJUVENATED, AND FROZEN AT -80 C USING THE DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION OR SINGLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE. UNITS WERE STORED AT -80 C FOR 5 TO 109 DAYS, THAWED, WASHED AND STORED AT 4C FOR 24 HOURS

RECOVERY		SUPERNATANT		RBC 2,3 DPG		RBC ATP		RBC P50	
HEMOGLOBIN		Hb		Hb		Hb		Hb	
(%)		(mg%)		LIQUID POST-WASH		LIQUID POST-WASH		LIQUID POST-WASH	
F-T	F-T-W	0 HR	24 HR	FRESH	STORED	0 HR	24 HR	FRESH	STORED
13.0	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2.5	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
14	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
9.7-	0.0-	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
17.4	0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

BEFORE FREEZING

MEAN:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SD:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
N:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
RANGE:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE

MEAN:	95.8	82.4	88	163	---	---	---	---	---
SD:	2.8	9.5	64	81	---	---	---	---	---
N:	3	3	3	8	---	---	---	---	---
RANGE:	94.9-	87.9	49-	73-	---	---	---	---	---
	99.1	93.4	73	327	---	---	---	---	---

SINGLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE

MEAN:	97.1	89.6	60	135	---	---	---	---	---
SD:	1.9	7.1	28	39	---	---	---	---	---
N:	17	17	17	13	---	---	---	---	---
RANGE:	92.3-	69.1-	24-	65-	---	---	---	---	---
	99.3	96.5	122	212	---	---	---	---	---

NON-PAIRED T - DOUBLE VERSUS SINGLE CENTRIFUGATION

P:	NS	<0.05	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
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NS = Not Significant

TABLE 3

THE 2,3 DPG LEVEL IN RED BLOOD CELLS STORED IN ADSOL SOLUTION AT 4C FOR 35 TO 49 DAYS, REJUVENATED, FROZEN AT -80 C USING THE DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE AND STORED FOR 84 TO 309 DAYS, THAWED AND WASHED, AND STORED AT 4C FOR 24 HOURS

	4C STORAGE		4C STORED UNITS	REJUVENATED, FROZEN, THAWED UNITS	DAY OF WASHING
	FRESH UNITS	BEFORE FREEZING			
RBC 2,3 DPG ($\mu\text{M/g Hb}$)	MEAN:	12.6	35 DAYS	0.9	17.7
	SD:	3.3		---	---
	N:	10		1	1
	RANGE:	9.7- 19.3		---	---
	MEAN:		42 DAYS	0.2	22.1
	SD:			0.2	5.0
	N:			3	3
	RANGE:			0.0- 0.4	16.8- 26.6
	MEAN:		49 DAYS	0.1	17.2
	SD:			0.0	1.7
	N:			2	3
	RANGE:			---	15.4- 18.8

TABLE 4

THE ATP LEVEL IN RED BLOOD CELLS STORED IN ADSOL SOLUTION AT 4C FOR 35 TO 49 DAYS, REJUVENATED, FROZEN AT -80 C USING THE DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE AND STORED FOR 84 TO 309 DAYS, THAWED AND WASHED, AND STORED AT 4C FOR 24 HOURS

RBC ATP ($\mu\text{M/g Hb}$)	4C STORAGE		4C STORED		REJUVENATED, FROZEN, THAWED UNITS	
	FRESH UNITS	BEFORE FREEZING	UNITS	DAY OF WASHING	24 HRS AFTER WASHING	
MEAN:	3.5	35 DAYS	2.9	7.6	7.7	
SD:	0.5		---	---	---	
N:	12		1	1	1	
RANGE:	2.7-4.4		---	---	---	
MEAN:		42 DAYS	2.0	7.6	7.4	
SD:			1.1	0.2	0.6	
N:			3	3	2	
RANGE:			0.8-3.0	7.4-7.7	6.9-7.8	
MEAN:		49 DAYS	1.2	6.8	5.9	
SD:			0.4	0.6	2.7	
N:			2	2	2	
RANGE:			1.0-1.5	6.3-7.2	4.0-7.8	

TABLE 5

THE P50 VALUE IN RED BLOOD CELLS STORED IN ADSOL SOLUTION AT 4C FOR 35 TO 49 DAYS, REJUVENATED FROZEN AT -80 C USING THE DOUBLE CENTRIFUGATION PROCEDURE AND STORED FOR 84 TO 309 DAYS, THAWED AND WASHED, AND STORED AT 4C FOR 24 HOURS

RBC P50 (mm Hg)	4C STORAGE			4C STORED UNITS	REJUVENATED, FROZEN, THAWED UNITS	
	FRESH UNITS	BEFORE FREEZING			DAY OF WASHING	24 HRS AFTER WASHING
MEAN:	27.6	35 DAYS		16.8	39.1	38.6
SD:	1.5			---	---	---
N:	10			1	1	1
RANGE:	25.7-30.7			---	---	---
MEAN:		42 DAYS		14.3	39.4	41.7
SD:				2.5	2.7	0.3
N:				3	3	3
RANGE:				11.4-15.9	36.8-42.2	41.5-41.9
MEAN:		49 DAYS		16.5	38.5	36.9
SD:				0.6	2.5	5.4
N:				2	3	3
RANGE:				16.1-16.9	36.0-41.0	31.4-42.2

LEGENDS TO FIGURES

Figure 1. Red blood cell concentrate transferred to the 1000 ml polyvinylchloride plastic bag.

Figure 2. The addition of the 50 ml of the PIPA solution to the red blood cell concentrate in the 1000 ml PVC plastic bag.

Figure 3. Following centrifugation of the red blood cells and PIPA solution, the supernatant plasma and PIPA solution is transferred from the 1000 ml PVC plastic bag to the 600 ml PVC plastic bag.

Figure 4. The addition of the 6.2M glycerol solution to the red blood cell concentrate in the 1000 ml PVC plastic bag.

Figure 5. Following centrifugation of the glycerolized red blood cells the supernatant solution is transferred from the 1000 ml PVC plastic bag to the 600 ml PVC plastic bag.

Figure 6. The folding of the 1000 ml PVC plastic bag containing the biochemically modified glycerol frozen red blood cell concentrate, the overwrapping of the 1000 ml folded plastic bag, and the placement of the overwrapped plastic bag in the cardboard box together with the provials.

FIGURE 1

RED BLOOD CELL CONCENTRATE TRANSFERRED TO THE 1000 ML POLYVINYLCHLORIDE PLASTIC BAG

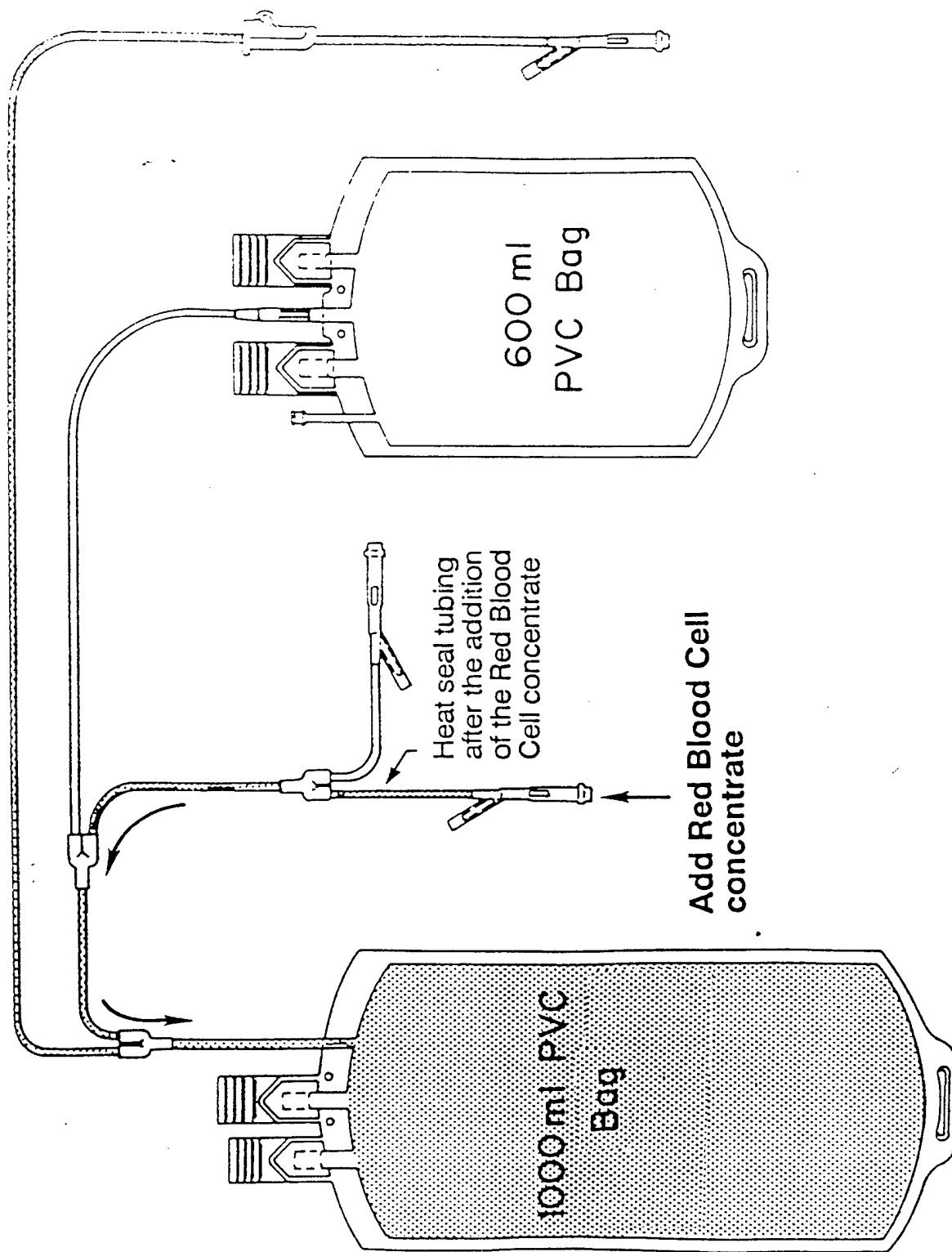


FIGURE 2

ADDITION OF THE 50 ML OF THE PIPA SOLUTION TO THE RED BLOOD CELL CONCENTRATE

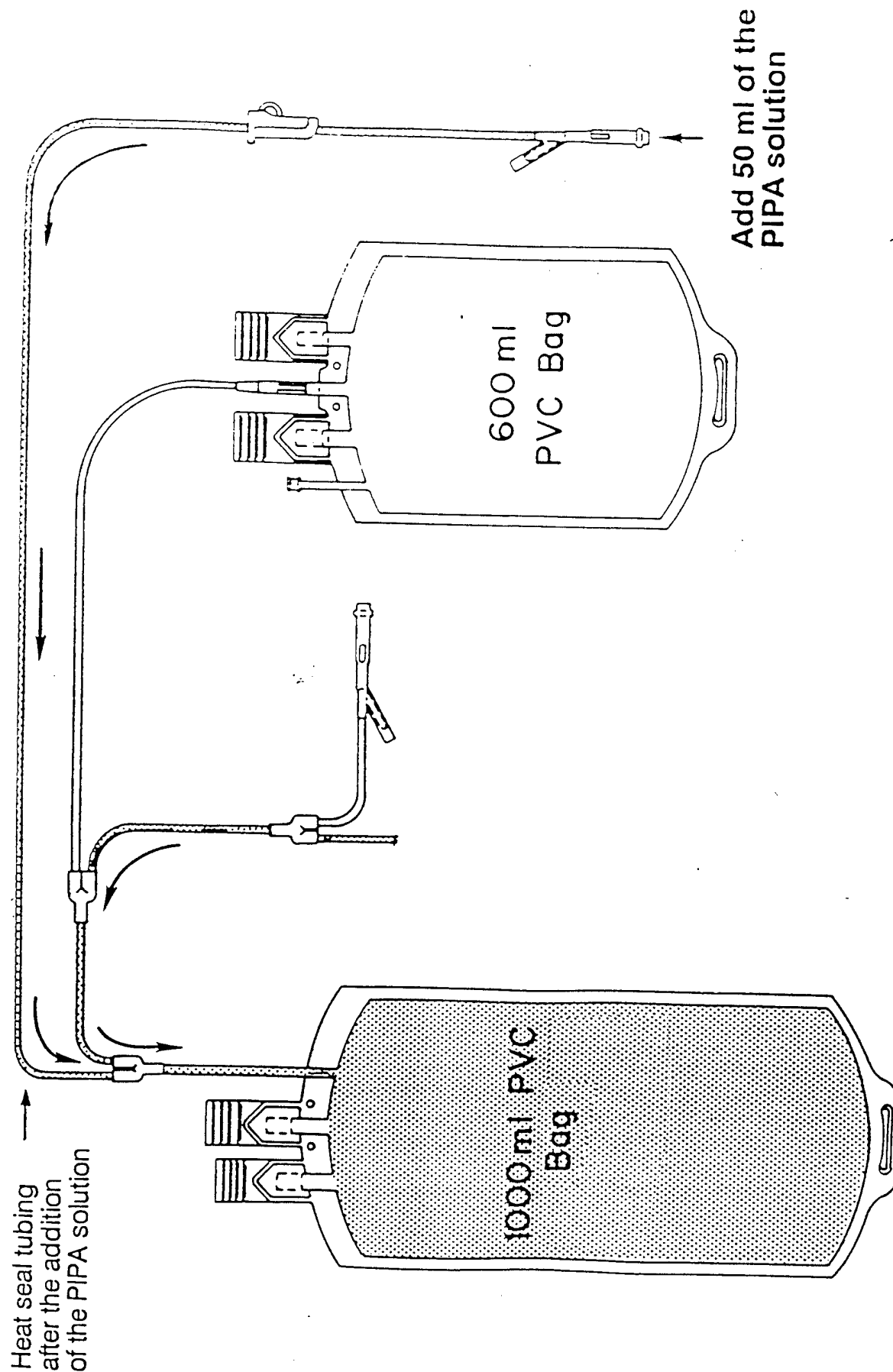


FIGURE 3

TRANSFER OF SUPERNATANT PLASMA AND PIPA SOLUTION FROM THE 1000 ML PVC PLASTIC BAG TO THE 600 ML PVC PLASTIC BAG

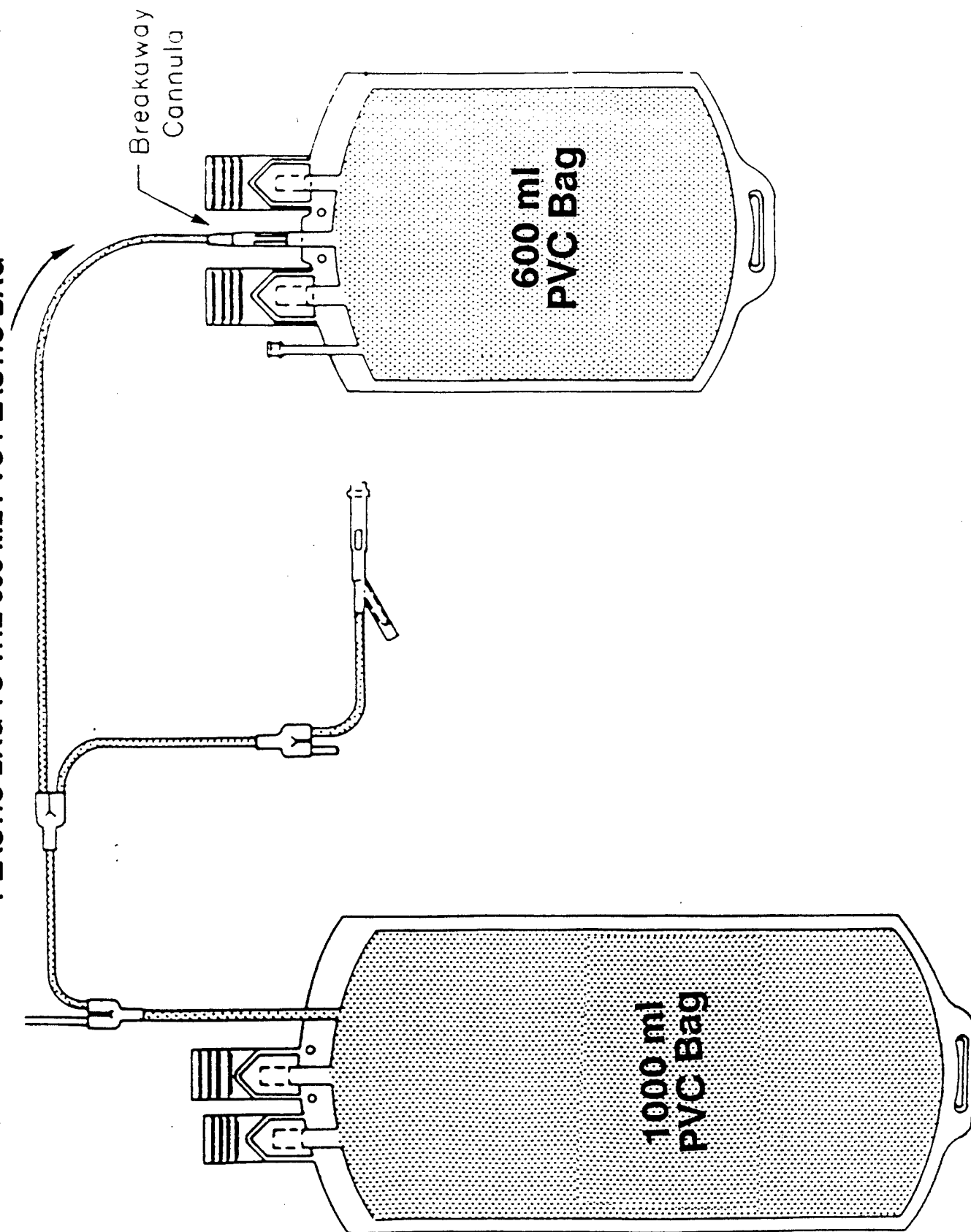


FIGURE 4

ADDITION OF THE 6.2M GLYCEROL SOLUTION TO THE RED BLOOD CELL CONCENTRATE

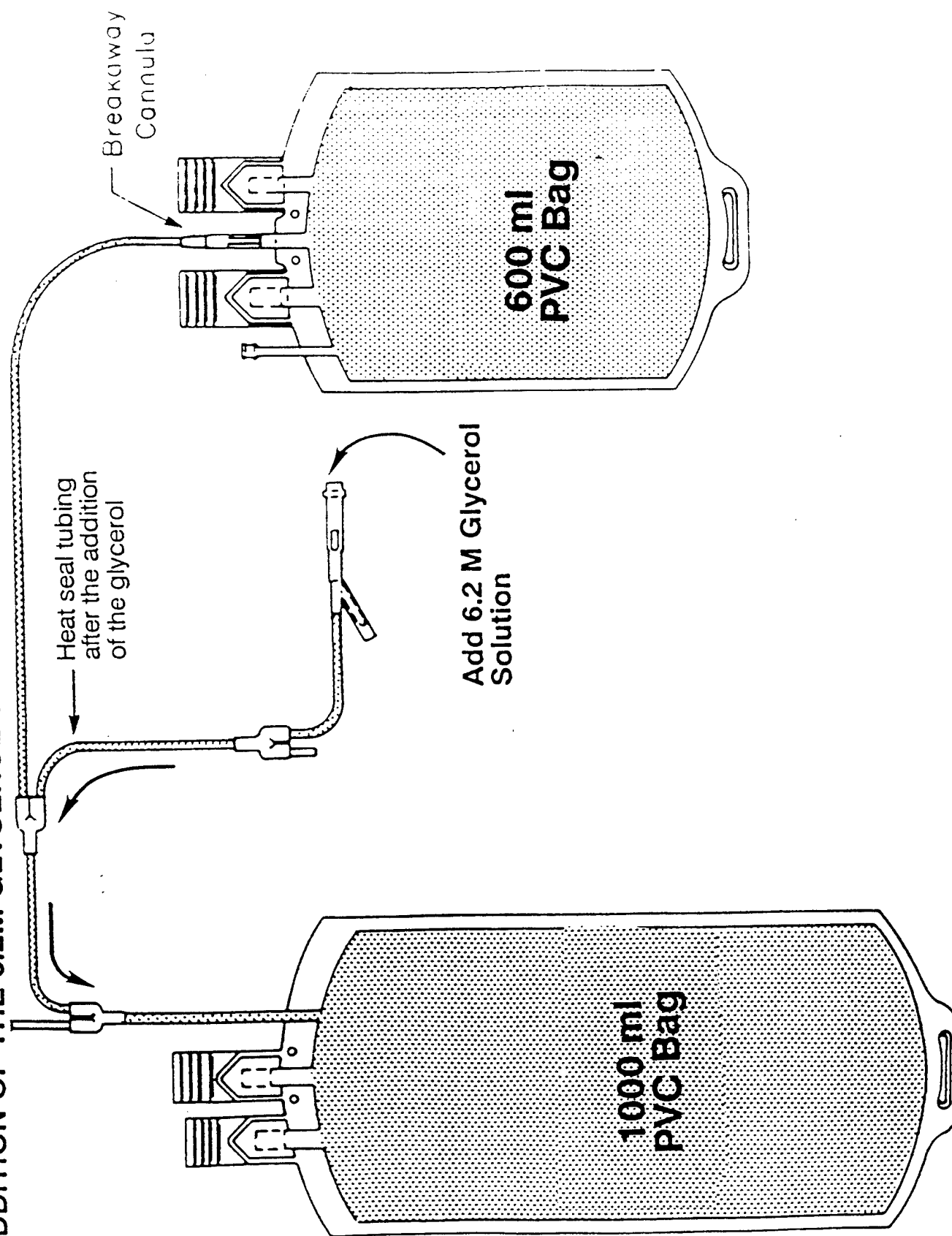


FIGURE 5

RED BLOOD CELL CONCENTRATE AFTER GLYCEROLIZATION AND REMOVAL OF THE
SUPERNATANT GLYCEROL INTO THE INTEGRALLY ATTACHED 600 ML TRANSFER PACK

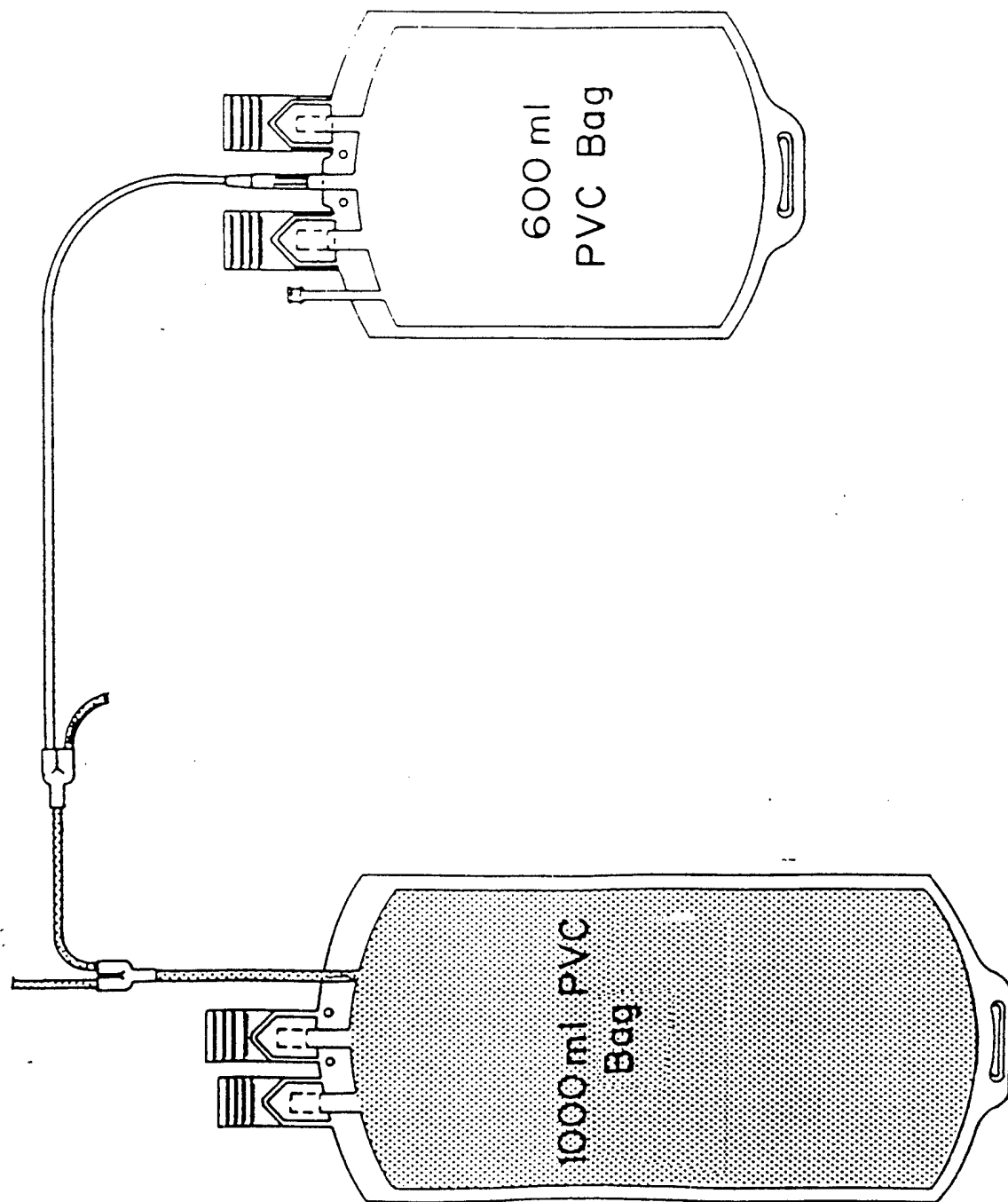
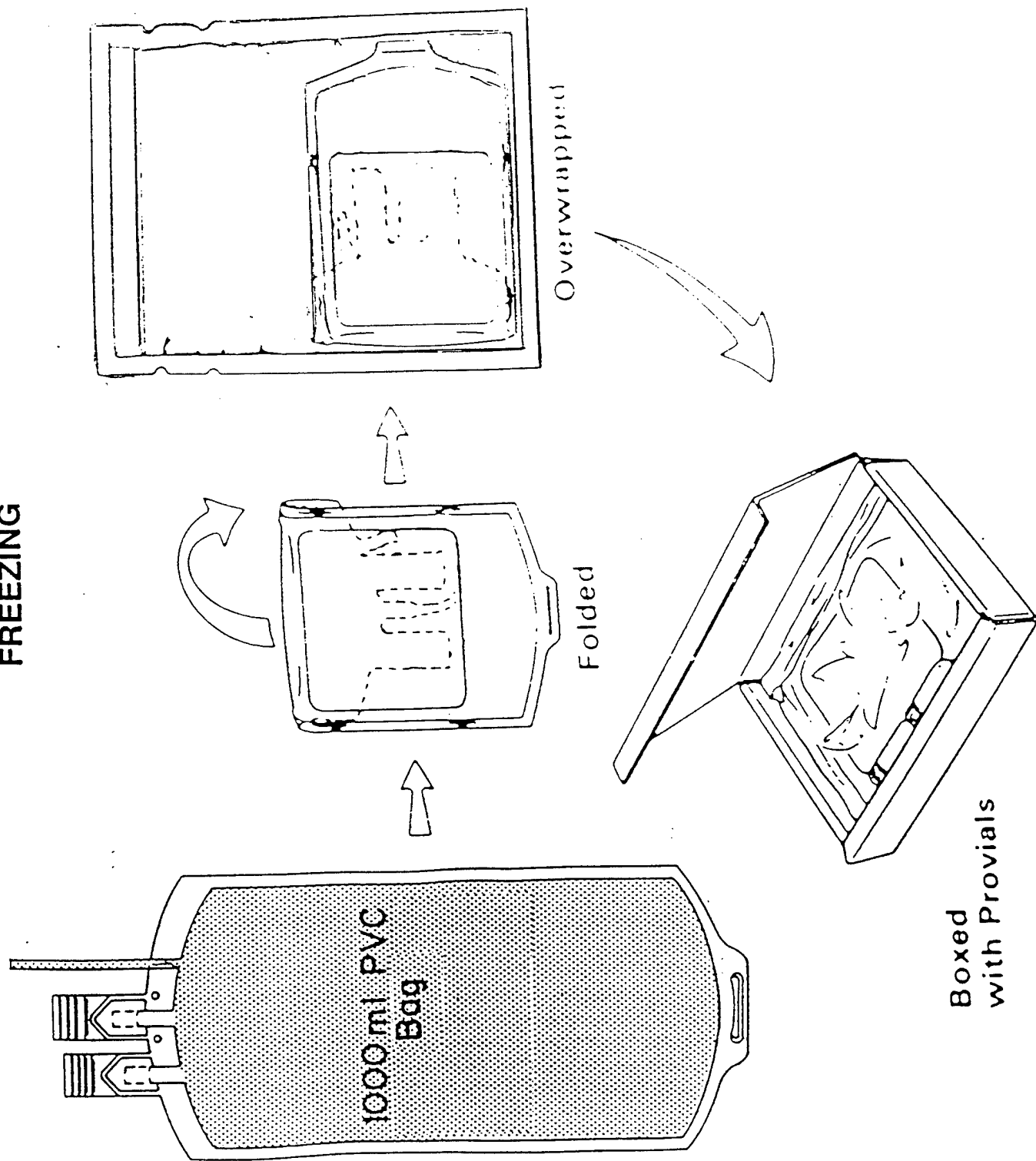


FIGURE 6

REJUVENATED GLYCEROLIZED RED BLOOD CELLS STORED IN CARDBOARD BOX PRIOR TO FREEZING



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